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The Minister's Message

"For you have delivered my soul from death...so that I may walk before God in the light of life." (Ps.56:13)

The month of March is the month in which we celebrate and exercise our faculty of strength. Strength is described as: "The energy of God; freedom from weakness; stability of character; power to withstand temptation; capacity to accomplish. Strength is physical, mental, and spiritual. All strength originates in Spirit; the thought and the word spiritually expressed being the manifestation." (Revealing Word)

When we affirm, "I am strong in the Lord and in the power of his might", we are activating and standing firm on this principle or faculty of strength.

The month of March also prepares us for spring and spring comes as a time of new awakening and renewal in nature. We see the stirring of new life everywhere in places where all seemed lifeless.

The message of spring is the message of Easter and this is the time in which we commemorate and celebrate the great demonstration or the time of overcoming "the last enemy" called death by our Wayshower, Jesus the Christ. Because of Jesus we have faith that we too can overcome any seeming obstacle in our lives and that we too will indeed come to the place where we can be free from the consciousness that death is necessary for us as spiritual beings and children of God, made in His image and likeness.

"Easter is not a passport to another world; it is a quality of perception for this one. It is not just a day when we recall how Jesus rose from the dead. It is a time to take a new look at ourselves and to contemplate the divinity in us, the depths of our own innate potential." (Eric Butterworth)

Life is lived from within out and that is where we must begin to do this work of overcoming. When Easter happens in us, we begin to experience life on a different level. We begin to perceive things from a spiritual point of view, for spiritual things can only be spiritually perceived.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (Cor.2: 14)

To do this it is up to us to identify with the Christ pattern that is within us; this Christ is the pattern of perfection, the image of God in which we are made. Jesus achieved this degree of manifestation on Good Friday and showed it forth in all its glory on Easter.

This final overcoming is our "hope of glory." This is the awareness which we lost in our ignorance and forgetfulness of the Truth. "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." (John 8: 32)

We thank God for Jesus the Christ. We thank God for Easter. We thank God for our faculty of Strength that will help to give us the determination to go forward in faith and to

overcome all things that are not for our highest good. God's will for us is Absolute Good.

Let us move forward in the spirit of Easter, claiming our divinity and knowing that it will demonstrate itself in our lives in "due season" if we continue to seek the Lord diligently.

Happy Easter and may God bless you abundantly today and every day.

By: Rev. Joyce Anderson

We Celebrated Another Birthday

Sunday, March 6, 2005 the New York Center of Truth celebrated its Fifth Anniversary by having a luncheon at Phyl's Academy Auditorium. The facility was generously made available by Ms. Phyllis Frempong, a member of our congregation. The theme "I Am Newly Alive in 2005" was very appropriate for this elegant affair. Of course the Special Events Committee coordinated by Ms. Madge Kadoo regally decorated the auditorium. The food which was catered by Spidat, Ltd. was superb. The fish was seasoned just the right way and the baked ziti was truly sumptuous. The various cakes made by Ms. Clarissa Brown were truly a delight. The NYCT ensemble led by Mr. Peter Forde performed a couple of numbers with Vicki Platt, Robert Anderson and Peter Forde singing "I believe I can fly". We had a solo number by our jazz pianist, Tammy Shoji who certainly delighted the crowd. We were also entertained by our very own Praise Dancer, Mr. Nathaniel Platt.

Everyone was able to bask in the magnificence of God's beauty and goodness. You could sense the pride and dignity being expressed as Joy, Happiness, Prosperity, Love and Success radiated on each face.

We thank God for all the members who helped bring this glorious celebration into fruition. Kudos especially to the members of the Special Events Committee for their tireless efforts behind the scenes and on the scene. "What a Celebration."

By: Freddie L. West

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

The disciple is: **ANDREW**

The spiritual idea is: **STRENGTH**

The color is: **LIGHT GREEN**

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newest member of the New York Center of Truth. She is Lynette Knights who comes all the way from Far Rockaway, Queens. Lynette had been visiting with us for quite a while, taking classes and attending the Wednesday mid-week service, but she said it was not until she overheard someone saying something that she got the message that it was time to make the commitment. Welcome Lynette! We welcome you with open arms.

By: Kai Cousins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rev. Alberta Ware, UFBL Minister, will be conducting a **Prosperity Workshop on Saturday, April 9, 2005** from **9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at the church office at 600 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, NY.

Better Living Classes will resume the week of April 18, 2005 and run through the week of June 20, 2005.

The Ushers and Greeters will be hosting a **Luncheon on Sunday, May 1, 2005 from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, immediately following Sunday service at Catherine McAuley H.S. Dining Facilities.** Tickets are \$20.00 (adults) and \$12.00 (children twelve and under).

The Spice of Life Group is sponsoring a **Luncheon and Show "The Cactus Flower" on Saturday, June 18, 2004** at the fabulous **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ.**

Ticket price is \$75.00 which includes transportation to and from New Jersey, show and lunch.

A Prosperity Meditation

My prayers prosper me. Through prayer and meditation, I realize that I am a child of God. I feel my oneness with the Infinite. I feel caught up in the Great Love of God.

My prayers prosper me, for as I commune with God in the stillness of my soul, I find myself on a rich path. My inward journey into God's presence prepares me for a successful journey in life.

My prayers prosper me, for they help me know that I am beloved of God. Divine Love supports me, and the Spirit of God in me crowns my efforts with success.

O Thou Great Giver, I know now that wherever and whenever there has been emptiness or lack in my life, it has been because I have held poverty thoughts and I have seen lack which has closed the way to the entrance of Thy stream of substance always flowing toward me. Now I know that Thou dost not limit me but that every thought and word and act that does not correspond to Thy bountiful provision for me shuts out this supply from my manifest world.

Father, let me become each day more conscious of Thy loving care for me; Thy beloved child. Let me realize more and more the greatness and permanency of Thy provision for me. Give me greater faith and wisdom and love, that I may use freely and wisely from Thy storehouse to satisfy every need and desire in my life and in the lives of others, of Thy children. Let me become conscious that the more I use in Thy name, the greater becomes my capacity to receive.

I give thanks, O Giver of Gifts for an overflowing measure of substance ever ready to meet my demands for the harmony and beauty and richness that accompany the conscious use of gifts direct from Thy hand.

Thank you God for blessing me so richly.

By: Rev. Berta Harroo-Bernard

Truth Corner

*Have you ever listened to The Silence?
Just stilled your mind and listened?
It's somewhat like a still small voice,
It's somewhat like a feeling,
It's somewhat like a gentle sigh,
That's felt within your being.
I know not from whence it comes,
I just feel it deep within me,
I know not how its mystery works,
But I'm convinced it never leaves me.
It's there within that Secret Place
Where only I can enter
It brings with it a sense of Peace
And oneness with my Creator.
Have you ever listened to The Silence?
Just turned within and listened?
A softer voice you'll never feel,
A closer Oneness never share
Until you still your mind and listen
For of such is the Sound of Silence.*

"The Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the still small voice." (1 Kings 10:1-12)

By: Rev. Merle Hypolite

How to Plant a High-Yield Garden

First Plant Four Rows of Peas

*Presence
Promptness
Preparation
Perseverance*

Next Plant Three Rows of Squash

*Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Unjust Criticism*

Then Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

*Let Us Be Faithful to Duty
Let Us Be Unselfish and Loyal
Let Us Obey Rules and Regulations
Let Us Love One Another*

No Garden Is Complete Without Turnips

*Turn Up for Meetings and Classes
Turn Up with a Smile
Turn Up with New Ideas
Turn Up with Determination to Make Everything
Count for Something Good and Worthwhile.*

How Will Your Personal Garden Grow?

Submitted by: Rev. Merle Hypolite

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